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Frederick Fowble Farm
15403 Hanover Pike
Fowblesburg
Private
c. 1859

The Frederick Fowble Farm is located at 15403 Hanover Pike in northwestern Baltimore County, Maryland, and faces west toward the road. It is a 2 ½-story, five-bay by two-bay stone structure with a hip roof that has asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. The west elevation has ashlar in a Flemish bond pattern and the other walls are rubble stone. On the east is a two-story rubble stone ell with a gable roof that has an east-west ridge and an interior brick chimney at the east end. The west elevation has a center entrance with a broken pediment and a six-light transom with stained glass. On either side are two six-over-six sash. About 100 feet south of the house is a bank barn with a rubble stone lower story, beaded-edge-and-center vertical boards on the upper story, a gable roof with standing seam metal and an east-west ridge, and a fore bay on the south. The north side is banked into the hill and has a pair of wagon doors hung on rollers in the center. There is a shed roof wing on the west elevation that has the same foundation, siding and roofing as the barn. Just east of the house is a one-story, one-bay square frame outbuilding with a gable roof that has asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. There is a new cupola on the ridge. South of this outbuilding is a frame poultry house with a shed roof that slopes down to the north. South of the poultry house is another outbuilding with the same siding as the barn. The gable roof has a short slope on the north side and a long slope on the south, with the ridge running east-west.

The Frederick Fowble Farm, located at 15403 Hanover Pike, has been known recently as the Fowblesburg Inn, but this appears to be a misnomer. As John McGrain's research has shown, the tavern was located on the west side of the turnpike, and was known as the Blue Ball Tavern. Frederick Fowble acquired it in 1845, and the 1850 Sidney map clearly shows his tavern, with no building on the opposite (or east) side of the road. John McGrain dated the stone house to c. 1859 based on changes to the property noted in the Transfer Books for that year, and this seems a reasonable surmise. It is shown on the 1877 Hopkins *Atlas*, and the tavern was still located just across the road. The house is significant for its unusual "Flemish Bond" stonework, which can be found in several other buildings nearby in Carroll County. The mason responsible for the work is unknown. Frederick Fowble died in 1898, and in his will he left to his son Elias N. Fowble "my former residence where he now resides, and premises . . . on the east side of the Hanover Turnpike road." Elias Fowble died in 1911 and left the farm to his wife Caroline for life, and then to his nephew John Frederick Fowble. At his death in 1939 the farm passed to his daughter, Delores Gertrude Armacost and her husband Harry. They sold it in 1968, and it may have passed out of the family at that time.

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Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			Contributing
			Noncontributing
			<u>5</u>
			<u>0</u>
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			<u>0</u>
			<u>5</u>
			<u>0</u>
			buildings
			sites
			structures
			objects
			Total
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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About 100 feet south of the house is a bank barn with a rubble stone lower story, beaded-edge-and-center vertical boards on the upper story, a gable roof with standing seam metal and an east-west ridge, and a fore bay on the south. The north side is banked into the hill and has a pair of wagon doors hung on rollers in the center and a four-light sash with pedimented trim in the west bay. There is a shed roof wing on the west elevation that has the same foundation, siding and roofing as the barn. It has a pair of wagon doors hung on rollers on the north elevation, and no openings on the west elevation. The west gable end of the barn has a one-over-one sash in the center with a vent to each side, and these have pedimented trim. The south elevation of the shed is open. The lower story of the barn on the south elevation has two Dutch doors to the west, then a pair of doors, a small window, and a Dutch door to the east. The upper story has a pair of doors over another pair of doors in the center.

Just east of the house is a one-story, one-bay square frame outbuilding with a gable roof that has asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. There is a new cupola on the ridge. The south elevation has a door. South of this outbuilding is a frame poultry house with a shed roof that slopes down to the north. The west half of the south elevation has a door and three windows, while there is an addition on the east half. South of the poultry house is another outbuilding with the same siding as the barn. The gable roof has a short slope on the north side and a long slope on the south, with the ridge running east-west. On the west elevation is a door and a four-light sash that are paired together.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	n/a	Architect/Builder	n/a
Construction dates	c. 1859		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Fowble's first wife died at an unknown date, and he re-married in 1881. He and his new wife, Catherine Randle of Carroll County, entered into a marriage contract in which each agreed to keep their real estate and personal property separate, as if they were not married. This enabled them to pass their assets on to their own children after they died. Frederick Fowble died in 1898, and in his will he left to his son Elias N. Fowble "my former residence where he now resides, and premises . . . on the east side of the Hanover Turnpike road, thence with the old road until it intersects the field adjoining the school house lot, thence with a straight line across the meadow until it intersects Thomas Gill's land, thence bounding on the lands of Thomas Gill, Mrs. Leight, Stephen Gill and Henry Fringer, supposed to contain about fifty acres of land." Fowble wrote his will in 1889, so his son must have taken over the house and farm by that time. Elias Fowble died in 1911 and left the farm to his wife Caroline for life, and then to his nephew John Frederick Fowble. At his death in 1939 the farm passed to his daughter, Delores Gertrude Armacost and her husband Harry. They sold it in 1968, and it may have passed out of the family at that time. (2)

Notes:

(1)[John McGrain, "Hanover Pike," typescript, Baltimore County Department of Planning, n.d. J. C. Sidney, Map of Baltimore County, Maryland, 1850. G. M. Hopkins, Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland, 1877.

(2) Baltimore County Land Records, WMI 125-352. Frederick Fowble will, 11-283. Elias N. Fowble will, WJP 16-206.

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Baltimore County Land Records, CWB Jr. 935-513; OTG 4839-32.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5.352 A.

Acreage of historical setting 5.352 A.

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries include the entire property, which is scattered with historic structures.

11. Form Prepared By

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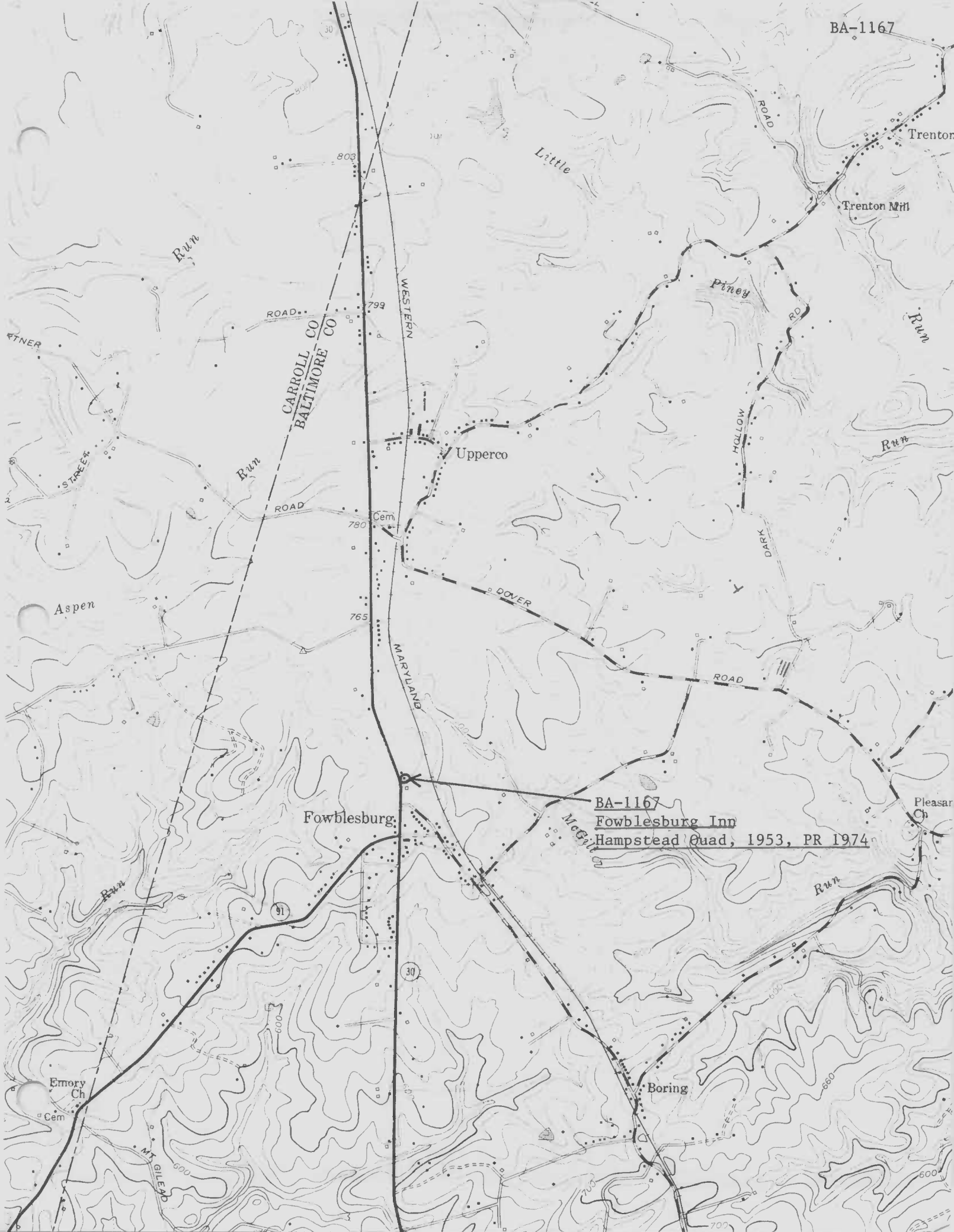
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Fowlesburg

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Fowlesburg Inn
Hampstead Quad, 1953, PR 1974

Boring

Pleasant Ch

Emory Ch

Upperco

Trenton Mill

Trenton

Little

Piney

WESTERN

CARROLL CO
BALTIMORE CO

ROAD

ROAD

DOVER

ROAD

MARYLAND

Aspen

Run

Run

Run

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ROAD

WOLLOM
DARK

Run

Run

803

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